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Subject: Proposed MS settlement

Just a quick note to express how I feel about the proposed settlement in the "consumer" Microsoft case. I read where one PC pundant described the proposal as a big Rorschach test. Everybody sees what they want to see in it. I think that it's actually a big IQ test, and Microsoft is hoping we really are THAT STUPID.

The proposed settlement is too small and misdirected away from the class of people that actually were injured by Microsoft's illegal misuse of it's monopoly position. As much as I think we need to increase education funding for technology, schools were never significantly injured by Microsoft's pricing shenanigans since they largely resisted Microsoft's incursion.

Why allow a "punishment" that doesn't address the actual injured class without the company that broke the law having to even admit guilt. And further, this settlement would hurt the companies that obeyed the law and played by the rules by allowing MS to extent it's monopoly into an area it surely wouldn't gain on it's merits.

So please take this into account when you render your judgment.

Thank you,

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